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Sir:

Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the final Office Action, dated April 5, 2004, hereby extending the period for response to the final Office Action from July 5, 2004 to August 5, 2004.

A copy of the Amendment and Response After Final Rejection is enclosed herewith. Please charge IBM Corporation's Deposit Account No. 50-0510 the amount of \$110.00, to cover the surcharge under 37 CFR §1.136(a). In the event of non-payment or improper payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or to credit Deposit Account No. 50-0510 as required to correct the error. Duplicate copies of this letter are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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